

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: April 11, 2005 Signature: *[Signature]*
(Randall G. Rueth)

Docket No.: 30872/40692
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jagath C. Ekanayake

Application No.: 10/518,282

Filed: December 16, 2004

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: SOIL MOISTURE CONTENT
MEASUREMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Copies of the references on the PTO/SB/08 are not provided.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter

filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30872/40692. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: April 11, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Randall G. Rueth

Registration No.: 45,887

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP

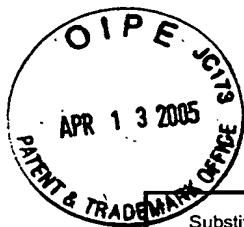
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300

Sears Tower

Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357

(312) 474-6300

Attorney for Applicant



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**
(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/518,282
Filing Date	December 16, 2004
First Named Inventor	Jagath C. Ekanayake
Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	30872/40692

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-3,968,428	07-06-1976	Numoto	
		US-4,068,525	01-17-1978	Skaling	
		US-4,197,866	04-15-1980	Neal	
		US-4,266,878	05-12-1981	Auer	
		US-4,341,112	07-27-1982	Mackay et al.	
		US-4,655,076	04-07-1987	Weihe et al.	
		US-4,929,885	05-29-1990	Dishman	
		US-5,038,040	08-06-1991	Funk et al.	
		US-5,072,981	12-17-1991	Weaver et al.	
		US-5,073,756	12-17-1991	Brandelik	
		US-5,887,491	03-30-1999	Monson et al.	
		US-5,898,310	04-27-1999	Liu	
		US-6,044,324	03-28-2000	Boerhave et al.	
		US-6,215,317	04-10-2001	Siddiqui et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--